

1 AN ACT in relation to school funding.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections  
5 17-0.01 and 34-52.9 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/17-0.01 new)

7 Sec. 17-0.01. Elimination of property taxes for school  
8 funding; Committee on Property Tax Reform.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, after  
10 the 2004 levy year, all school districts established under  
11 this Code are prohibited from levying any ad valorem property  
12 taxes.

13 (b) There is created the Committee on Property Tax  
14 Reform. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

15 (1) The Director of Revenue, or his or her  
16 designee.

17 (2) The State Superintendent of Education, or his  
18 or her designee.

19 (3) One school superintendent from each of the  
20 following regions, all appointed by the Governor:  
21 Chicago; Northwest Illinois; Cook County outside of the  
22 City of Chicago; counties contiguous to Cook County;  
23 central Illinois; and southern Illinois.

24 (4) One representative from the Illinois Federation  
25 of Teachers, one from the Illinois Education Association,  
26 and one from the Chicago Teachers Union.

27 (5) Two public members appointed by the Governor  
28 with expertise in Illinois school finance.

29 (6) The Cook County Assessor.

30 (7) One supervisor of assessments from each of the  
31 following regions: northwest Illinois; counties

1 contiguous to Cook County; central Illinois; and southern  
2 Illinois.

3 (8) Two public members appointed by the Governor  
4 with expertise in taxation in Illinois.

5 (9) Four members of the Senate, 2 appointed by the  
6 President of the Senate and 2 by the Minority Leader of  
7 the Senate, and 4 members of the House of  
8 Representatives, 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House  
9 of Representatives and 2 by the Minority Leader of the  
10 House of Representatives.

11 (10) One representative of the Illinois Farm  
12 Bureau.

13 (11) One representative of the Taxpayers Federation  
14 of Illinois.

15 (c) The Committee shall examine various alternatives to  
16 ad valorem property taxes for the funding of schools in  
17 Illinois. The Committee shall hold hearings open to the  
18 public. The Committee shall issue a final report to the  
19 Governor and the General Assembly no later than March 1,  
20 2005. The report shall set forth the Committee's  
21 recommendations and include a specific plan for replacing  
22 funding for schools previously provided by ad valorem  
23 property taxes.

24 (d) The Department of Revenue shall make available the  
25 necessary staff required by the Committee.

26 (105 ILCS 5/34-52.9 new)  
27 Sec. 34-52.9. Elimination of ad valorem property taxes.  
28 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, after the 2004  
29 levy year, all school districts established under this  
30 Article are prohibited from levying ad valorem property  
31 taxes.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.